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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2572

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 72031 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2572, as amended, Furutani. Los Angeles Community College District: governing board elections.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state. Existing law requires members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to be elected at large in a manner established by specified law.

This bill would require members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to be elected at large by individual seat number, and, commencing with the 2013 election, would require the candidate with the highest number of votes for an individual seat number to be deemed the candidate elected for that individual seat number. To the extent the bill would place additional requirements on the Los Angeles Community College District, the bill would impose a

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state-mandated local program. authorize the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District to adopt a resolution by majority vote to enact an alternative method by which members of the governing board may be elected at large and by individual seat number, as specified.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Los Angeles Community College District.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: <u>yes-no</u>. State-mandated local program: <u>yes-no</u>.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 72031 of the Education Code is amended to read:
- 72031. The provisions of this section shall apply only to theLos Angeles Community College District.
 - (a) Whenever in this code a section refers to a district, or to two or more districts, governed by a single governing board, or by governing boards of identical personnel, or to a district or districts in which the average daily attendance is in excess of 400,000, or makes a similar reference, all provisions of the section shall apply with equal force to both the city school district and community college district.
 - (b) Members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District shall be elected at large—and—by individual seat number in the manner established by Chapter 62 of the Statutes of 1968.
 - (c) Commencing with the 2013 election for the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District, and each election thereafter, the governing board may adopt a resolution by majority vote to enact an alternative method by which members of the governing board of the Los Angeles Community College District may be elected at large and by individual seat number wherein, upon certification of the election, the candidate with the highest

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number of votes for an individual seat number shall be deemed 2 the candidate elected for that individual seat number.

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SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution because of the unique needs of the Los Angeles Community College District.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district are the result of a program for which legislative authority was requested by that local agency or school district, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.